

Uniform preparation before marching band camp

The uniform committee works hard to get every person fitted during marching band camp to begin the alterations and have them finished for the first game. We also try very hard to have the students miss as little of rehearsal time as possible. ***We NEED your help to make this happen!*** Alterations do add an extra cost for you unless you do them yourself. You will have a choice of completing the alterations yourself, having Grady's complete alterations, or having a tailor of your choice complete alterations. See below the specifications. (They will still need to bring their uniform in for all inspections).

1. Have your student try on the marching band uniform just before band camp. If it fits fine GREAT, we still need to see them in it for inspection during the week. The directors will send out a list of which day your student will bring them in. Please have your student wear his/her uniform to band camp at noon (one hour early) on the day they will be fitted to save time so we don't need to ask them to come in any earlier. If the uniform is too short, PLEASE take out the hem so we can mark the correct length and send it off to be hemmed.
2. We **need** the student's uniform during mini band camp. It is unfair for a handful to forget, causing us to keep having to track students down to beg them to bring in the uniform. We simply don't have the time for that. If you missed the assigned day, bring it in the next day. Bringing in the uniform will be considered as a "pass off." Failure to do so will affect that pass-off grade.
3. We can always use help from people to mark clothing for alterations (training provided). We need people who are willing to: record alterations needed/fit for baldrics, hats, and gauntlets/. If you have time available from 12:00 – 2:00 during the first week of camp please help. Many hands make light work. Email Beth at tnmillers4@gmail.com if you can help and I can let you know if I have any needs at day/s.
4. If your student is not at band camp for some reason we will provide you with instructions at Sunday's registration day.
5. If your student was one of the rare cases that we realized simply needs a different uniform, please be prepared to purchase the new item quickly so we may begin alterations.
6. Students will get their shako hat and gauntlets on Sunday of registration. The company that orders our gloves and shoes will also be at a station on Sunday of registration for students to order as needed.

***Uniform specifications: hem should be $\frac{3}{4}$ "from floor without shoes on. Students need to be comfortable in sitting, lunging to one knee, and squatting. Their jacket needs to fit comfortably when playing their instrument.*